

REMARKS

Claims 1-65, 67, 69-78, and 83-92, prior to entry of the present amendment, are pending. Claims 1-62 and 83, due to a restriction requirement, are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 63-65, 67, 77-78, and 84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 69-76 are objected. Applicants address these bases for rejection as follows.

Claim amendments

Withdrawn claims 1-62 and 83 have been cancelled.

Claim 63 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 69. In view of this amendment, claim 69 has been cancelled.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in this or in a continuing application. No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 63-65, 67, 77-78, and 84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for an asserted lack of enablement and written description in the specification as filed. As noted above, claim 63 has been amended to include the features of claim 69. Claim 69 was not included in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 64, 65, 67, 77, 78, and 84 depend from claim 63. Applicants submit that, in view

of the present amendment, claim 63 and its dependent claims are free of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. This basis for rejection may be withdrawn.

Allowable subject matter

The Office states (page 12):

Claims 69-76 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

Claims 85-92 are free of the art.

As noted above, claim 63 has been amended to include the features of claim 69 and claim 69 has been canceled. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit that claim 63, as amended, is free of the rejections raised in the present Office Action and is in condition for allowance. As such, Applicants submit that claims 70-76, which all depend from claim 63, no longer depend from a rejected base claim and, therefore, are also in condition for allowance.

Finally, claims 85-92 were deemed, by the Office, to be free of the art and are not included in any of the present rejections. Applicants submit that claims 85-92 are in condition for allowance.

Correspondence address

Applicants note that while the present application is associated with Customer Number 21559 in the U.S.P.T.O. PAIR system, the Office Action was mailed to the incorrect address. Effective immediately, please address all communication in this

application to:

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CONCLUSION

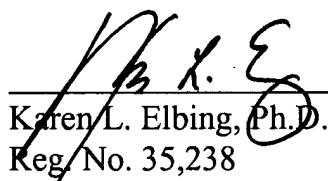
Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and this action is hereby respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Office Action for three (3) months, to and including November 17, 2006, and a check in payment of the required extension fee.

If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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